

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A dental evacuation tool for being placed in fluid communication with a dental vacuum, the tool comprising:

a suction head including a mirror surface, first and second upward-facing intake orifices adjacent the mirror surface, and an exit fluid pathway that is in fluid communication with the first and second upward-facing intake orifices; and

an elongated tubular handle including a first end adapted to be in fluid communication with the vacuum and a second end in fluid communication with the exit fluid pathway,

wherein the first and second upward-facing intake orifices are positioned generally opposite each other about the mirror surface and are generally centered about a line that is generally perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the handle,

wherein the first and second upward-facing intake orifices open in generally the same direction faced by the mirror.

2. (canceled)

3. (Original) The tool of claim 1 wherein the suction head further includes a forward-facing intake orifice in fluid communication with the exit fluid pathway and positioned on the suction head generally opposite the exit fluid pathway.

4. (Original) The tool of claim 3 wherein the forward-facing intake orifice opens in a direction that is generally perpendicular to the mirror surface.

5. (Original) The tool of claim 1 wherein the suction head further includes a sidewall, a backside that is generally opposite the mirror surface, and at least two forward-facing intake orifices located in the sidewall generally opposite the exit fluid pathway.

6. (Original) The tool of claim 5 wherein the backside and the sidewall form an obtuse angle.

7. (currently amended) A method of making a dental evacuation tool for being placed in fluid communication with a dental vacuum, the method comprising:

providing a suction head including a mirror surface and an exit fluid pathway;

providing an elongated tubular handle including a first end in fluid communication with the exit fluid pathway and a second end adapted to be in fluid communication with the ~~vacuum~~, vacuum and;

providing first and second upward-facing intake orifices on the suction head adjacent to the mirror surface such that the upward-facing intake orifices are in fluid communication with the exit fluid pathway, and the first and second upward-facing intake orifices are positioned generally opposite each other about the mirror surface and are generally centered about a line that is generally perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the handle, wherein the first and second upward-facing intake orifices open in generally the same direction faced by the mirror.

8. (canceled)

9. (Original) The method of claim 7 further comprising providing a forward-facing intake orifice on the suction head such that the forward-facing intake orifice is in fluid communication with the exit fluid pathway and positioned on the suction head generally opposite the exit fluid pathway.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein the forward-facing intake orifice opens in a direction that is generally perpendicular to the mirror surface.

11. (Original) The method of claim 7 further comprising providing on the suction head a sidewall, a backside that is generally opposite the mirror surface, and at least two forward-facing intake orifices located in the sidewall generally opposite the exit fluid pathway.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the backside and the sidewall form an obtuse angle.

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